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Applicant:

Mikio IWASE

Title:

METHOD FOR MANAGING PAYMENT AND PAYMENT

MANAGING SYSTEM

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- 2. **Amendment Transmittal**
- 3. Postcard

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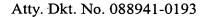
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ſ Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a previous assertion of Small Entity status.
-] Assertion of Small Entity status is enclosed.
- [X] The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

| | Claims | | | | Extra | | | | |
|------------------------|---------------|-------|--------------|-------|--------------|-----|----------|---|------------|
| | As | | Previously | | Claims | | | | Additional |
| | Amended | | Paid For | | Present | | Rate | | Claims Fee |
| Total Claims: | 15 | - | 20 | = | 0 | X | \$18.00 | = | \$0.00 |
| Independent Claims: | 2 | - | 3 | = | 0 | x | \$86.00 | = | \$0.00 |
| First p | resentation (| of an | y Multiple I | Depen | dent Claims: | + | \$290.00 | = | \$0.00 |
| | | | | | CLAIMS | FEI | E TOTAL | = | \$0.00 |

[] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

| [] Extension for response filed within th | Extension for response filed within the first month: | | |
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| [] Extension for response filed within th | e second month: | \$420.00 | \$0.00 |
| [] Extension for response filed within th | e third month: | \$950.00 | \$0.00 |
| [] Extension for response filed within th | e fourth month: | \$1,480.00 | \$0.00 |
| [] Extension for response filed within th | e fifth month: | \$2,010.00 | \$0.00 |
| | ON FEE TOTAL: | \$0.00 | |
| [] Statutory Disclaimer Fee under 37 C. | F.R. 1.20(d): | \$110.00 | \$0.00 |
| CLAIMS, EXTENSION | IER FEE TOTAL: | \$0.00 | |
| [] Small Ent | Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above): | | \$0.00 |
| | | TOTAL FEE: | \$0.00 |

- [] Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$0.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$0.00 is enclosed.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Mail Stop NON-FEE AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated March 10, 2004, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Please amend the application as follows: